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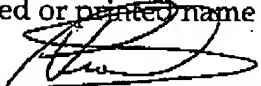
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40 In response to the recent Office action, please amend the above referenced application, using the revised format.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watts (US Patent No. 4,278,550) taken together
5 with Lavigne (US Patent No. 2,015,076). Applicant has amended these claims to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Additionally, the Examiner has objected claims 2 through 4 and 6
through 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However,
10 Examiner states that said claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended the claims 1 and 5 to include all of the limitations of claims 2 and 6, respectively, therein. Claims 3 and 7 now depend on claims 1 and 5, respectively.